

Application No. 10/612,915
Amdt. Dated 21 January, 2005
Reply to Office Action of 23 December, 2004

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 remain pending in this application. Claims 6 and 11 have been amended. Claims 15-20 have been cancelled. New claims 21-26 have been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has raised a restriction requirement, on the basis that the claims are directed to more than one invention, namely a display system defined in claims 1-14, a display stand defined in claim 15, and a display stand defined in claims 16-20.

In response, we have cancelled claims 15-20, without prejudice to the applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications in respect of the cancelled claims.

In response to the requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclose species for prosecution on the merits, we elect the species disclosed in Figures 1-8. We submit, however, that claim 1 is a generic claim that reads on both the species illustrated in Figures 1-8 and the species illustrated in Figures 9-14.

We have also made a number of voluntary amendments to the specification and claims as follows.

We have amended page 5, line 31 of the specification to replace the word "horizontally" with the word "transversely" to conform the written description with the drawings. We submit that this amendment does not introduce any new matter, as it is readily apparent from the drawings that the panels do not extend "horizontally", but rather, that they extend transversely. Furthermore, it is stated in the description on page 6, line 1, that the panels 26 each have a generally vertically extending front surface 28.

We have amended claim 6 to replace the word "horizontally" with the word "transversely" and to add the additional limitation "the panels having generally vertically extending front surfaces". This amendment has been made to conform this claim to the specification as amended hereinabove.

We have also made an editorial change to claim 11, to replace the language "notional central axis perpendicular to said floor" with "vertically extending notional central axis".

Finally, we have added new claims 21-26, round out the claim coverage. Independent claims 21 and 26 define a display system for displaying samples of wallpaper, in somewhat broader terms than independent claim 1. Support for the new claims is found throughout the specifications and drawings.

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Favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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